(b) and (c) According to the State Government, construction of 23 cyclone shelters was completed before the occurrence of the two cyclones. Another 24 such shelters are nearing completion with funding from Chief Minister's Relief Fund. The post disaster coordination work is being carried out by the State Government through the Orissa State Disaster Mitigation Authority and other agencies with the assistance and cooperation of the Central Government and not by any UN agency.

Use of Drugs by Sportspersons in NIS

* 579. SHRI KHAGEN DAS :

SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-items appeared in the Hindustan Times dated the 28th and 30th July, 2001, captioned, "Dope available right under NIS nose" and "Tight-lipped official open can of doping worms". respectively;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that rampant use of drugs by sportsmen at National Institute of Sports and Health Centre is taking place in connivance with senior coaches and staff members ;

(c) if so, what are Government's findings ; and

(d) how do Government propose to curb/check the use of drugs, stating the steps being taken to check undesired activities of athletes, coaches, employees and officials of Netaji Subhash National Institute of Sports, Patiala?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) With a view to curb the use of drugs by athletes, Government has requested all National Sports Federations to conduct dope test as per norms laid down by the International Federations of concerned disciplines. They have also been asked to take appropriate action against players found positive for banned drugs and substances.

The Government has asked the Sports Authority of India (SAI) to step up alertness and internal vigil against use of banned drugs at all sports and training facilities run by SAI & to step up education and awareness of athletes and coaches, and sports scientists and doctors.

Steps are also being taken to meet the deficiencies in the testing equipment at the Dope Control Laboratory run by SAI and to obtain accreditation from the International Olympic Committee Medical Commission.

A high powered committee has been appointed under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Youth Affairs & Sports pursuant to the orders of the Hon'ble Delhi High Court to workout the modalities to deal with the problem of drug abuse by sports persons and to suggest remedial measures in this regard.

Railway Projects in Tamil Nadu

* 580 SHRI P. SOUNDARARAJAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the Railway schemes/projects under progress in Tamil Nadu ;

(b) the estimated cost and the allocations made so far, showing the allocations for the current year distinctly, project-wise; and

(c) the proposed time of completion of each project?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR) : (a) to (c) Details of all ongoing projects in Tamil Nadu, including the expenditure incurred on them till March 2001 and, outlay for 2001-02 are given in the statement enclosed *(See Below)*. Target date of completion wherever fixed is given in the present status of the project given in the Appendix. Completion of other works will depend upon the availability of resources.

Statement

ONGOING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU

S. No.	RLY.	Project	Anticip-ated cost	Expendi-ture upto end of March 2001	Budget Outlay 2001-02	Status
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
New Lines						
1.	SR	Bangalore-Satyamanglam	225	0.133	2	Final Location Survey has been completed from